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Students now have opportunity to study at Oxford

Honors committee to assist in screening

Beginning this summer, a program in cooperation with Florida State University and England's Oxford University will open new doors for Missouri Southern students wanting to study abroad.

The program will consist of two three-week sessions at the England university.

"Dr. [Julio] Leon and Dr. [Floyd] Belk met 18 months ago to search for a good, study abroad program," said Delores Honey, chair of the honors committee.

Honey said that after reviewing several programs, Belk decided in December on

the one with Oxford through Florida State. That program is three years old.

"The program was first designed as an adult study program at Florida State," said Honey.

Student applicants were required to be full-time students, have at least 75 credit hours, and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5.

The honors committee was assigned in screening applications.

"Applications were due this week," said Honey. "We ought to know by Monday who will go—we should have most of the

decisions made."

Each participant will be allowed to study one of nine courses per session, receiving three credit hours upon completion of the course studied. Two openings per course per session have been allotted to Southern students.

The total tuition for the program will be \$1,650. An estimate of all other expenses, including transportation, which is not provided, brings the trip's complete costs to \$2,300.

Scholarships of \$1,000 each are to be awarded to 15 participants. A total of 36 students may attend the program. Also, one faculty member will attend at the expense of the College. Dr. Steven Gale,

director of the honors program, has been selected as the faculty member. He will study one course while at Oxford.

Two sessions of study will be offered during the summer—July 5-25 and July 26-Aug. 15.

The first session will include the following classes:

■ Drawing and Painting in Oxford I, a course in the fundamental principles of objective drawing and painting using subjects for the Oxford landscape.

■ Shakespeare the Dramatist I, a course in which students will concentrate on the details of language which Shakespeare used to express his dramatic effects in writing.

■ History and Architecture of Oxford, a study of the histories and architectures of the buildings on the Oxford campus.

■ Castles to Cottages, a study of English architecture in some of the oldest, surviving buildings in England, such as castles, manor houses, and housing estates.

■ Symbolism in Science and Myth, in which students will study the meaning of symbolism, using symbols in myth.

■ Britain Today, a course centering on Britain, as a whole, since 1945.

■ English Gardens and Landscape, a look at how the Oxford campus garden

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Authorities apprehend burglars

Burglars responsible for three break-ins at Missouri Southern last fall have been apprehended by local authorities.

According to Wayne Johnston, director of safety and security at Missouri Southern, it was a combined effort on the part of Southern, the Jasper County Sheriff Department, and the Joplin Police Department that led to the arrest of a group of suspects.

"We found out who it was partly through leads, and partly through diligent work," said Johnston.

Southern fell victim to the burglars three times. In the Billingsly Student Center vending machines, video games, and the bookstore were vandalized.

Johnston said juveniles were involved, and there were anywhere from four to eight people total in the group. One was a student at the College.

He also said the group was responsible for break-ins of a similar nature at Atlas Powder Company and at numerous sites between Joplin and Kansas City.

"This can clear up to 30 other robberies," Johnston said. "They were caught in the act of another robbery. Some involved have already been arrested and charged. At the time, they are not being charged with our robbery."

"The leader has a long juvenile record," he said. "Allegedly, he has done time in the state penitentiary."

The suspects are currently out on bond. The court proceedings will be left up to the Joplin Police Department.

Johnston says the robberies have raised some questions Southern must answer.

"We are not certified police officers," he said. "It's feasible that a lot of robbery could occur here. We need to have the ability to protect the College and the students. It's more than just parking tickets and opening locked cars."

Attempts have been made to get the officers commissioned. As of now, the College does not have legal jurisdiction with the courts.

According to Johnston, members of safety and security function only as "private security guards" and cannot carry weapons.

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Winter fun

Students used a hill behind Matthews Hall on Monday, Jan. 19 for sledding. The Joplin area received seven inches of snow during a three-day period, resulting in the cancellation of many public schools. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Data from assessment tests 'fairly encouraging'

College to test seniors

Focusing on the improvement of the institution, an assessment program is underway at Missouri Southern.

Last semester 200 students participated in the program's first phase by taking COMP tests designed to measure not only knowledge, but values and attitudes. Tests will be given each year to determine student growth, with the results used to evaluate programs, learning, and teaching at the College.

The program will be put in place over a four-year period. This year, assessment will be made of general education outcomes, secondary education majors (seniors) in their specialty areas, residential life, and advising.

"We gave the tests to a strong sample of freshmen last semester," said Dr. Floyd

Belk, vice president for academic affairs, "and we will give them to the seniors in April."

Belk said the test results showed Southern students to be at approximately the 50th percentile nationwide. College President Julio Leon said the results were "fairly encouraging."

"The early results showed quite a significant change between the freshmen and seniors," Belk said. "The freshmen scored pretty close to the national norm, and the seniors slightly higher."

There is no way to study for the COMP tests.

"The COMP tests are really significant right away," Belk said. "A student has to use his background to answer the questions. They have to draw on experience. It really puts together all you've learned."

Information gathered from assessment

will be used to improve the quality of learning and to determine in what areas resources should be allocated. The program is a method of accountability to the students and the public.

Belk said in that in order for the program to accomplish its goal, "We have to call upon the students for cooperation. How do we know when we piece together 15 classes in a department what you come out with? The tests will point out areas we need to improve."

"This semester we will test on the measure of satisfaction with the College such as student services and housing," said Leon.

"The second battery of tests will be an opinion survey," said Belk. "We want to get a feeling from the students about advising—whether they feel it is satisfactory—and things outside of class."

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College begins drug testing

Complying with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Missouri Southern has designed a "philosophy statement" on drug testing.

The statement, according to Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, was required by the NAIA.

"It's just a cite a problem," said Frazier. "This is just a way the NAIA made a stand."

According to the Southern philosophy statement, "Each student athlete is subject to drug testing at MSSC. Emphasis will be to balance the interests of the students with the institutional interest when testing for substance abuse. Tests will be used to detect and deter the use of performance-affecting drugs that undermine the integrity of athletic competition."

While all Southern athletes will be tested for substance abuse, Frazier is quick

to point out that abuse is not tied strictly to athletics.

"It's a society problem," he said. "Not just an athletic problem. Athletes are in the public eye all the time."

College President Julio Leon expressed his support for the testing program.

"The NAIA recommended that every institution have drug testing," Leon said. "I know there are concerns about privacy and rights of individuals, but on the whole I think it is desirable for our athletes to have."

"Young men and women are receiving educational benefits and scholarships. I think it is proper for the school to require them to behave as they represent the institution. They represent the school and are an example. I think the advantages far

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Wayne Johnston

With the intent to complete his bachelor's degree, Wayne Johnston is resigning as director of safety and security.

"I have been pursuing my bachelor's degree," said Johnston, director since 1983. "It's hard to work on your degree while you're working, too. I only have 27 hours left, and they're only offered during the day."

After completing his degree in criminal justice from Missouri Southern, Johnston hopes to attend graduate school to obtain his master's and doctoral degrees.

"I have had an enjoyable career here," he said, "but it will be more beneficial to me to pursue these degrees."

With the combination of a degree and his experience, Johnston will "hopefully return to teaching" where he will be able to share his "expertise in the field."

The resignation will be official tomor-

row. Applications for the position will be accepted until Feb. 10. The position has been advertised in several newspapers.

A search committee consisting of Don Seneker, Jack Spurlin, Doug Carnahan, Dr. John Tiede, Howard Dugan, and Sidney Shouse will review the applications and make a selection.

According to Tiede, a replacement will "hopefully be selected by March 1."

Jess Forkner will assume the responsibilities of director until that time. He joined the safety and security staff at the College 16 years ago.

"Almost every time they get a new director, I have been appointed acting director," said Forkner. "I would just as well take it than have someone in there not knowing what they're doing."

Forkner is not a candidate for the director's position because he retires in March 1988.

Enrollment increases again

Enrollment for the spring semester at Missouri Southern is up again, according to George Volmert, registrar.

"Enrollment changes every five minutes," said Volmert. "Our office goes by the number of students that have paid."

The rise or fall of enrollment is calculated by comparing enrollment from the current semester with last year's spring semester. Although enrollment is down from the fall semester, over 4,000 students are now enrolled.

"Enrollment is above last year at this

time," said Volmert. "But our office will not have accurate figures for two to three weeks."

Volmert encouraged students eligible for graduation in July to get their applications in early.

"The applications must be in by March 2," said Volmert. "That is the absolute deadline. I can't stress enough to make the deadline."

"The fee is \$20 for one degree, and \$30 for two degrees," said Volmert. "Graduates will receive a cap, gown, diploma, and diploma cover."

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outweigh the disadvantages."

Frazier said a core committee has been named as a referral program.

"These people are not counselors, but will refer the students to someone," he said.

The program, which began Jan. 15, will provide student-athletes with a two-hour seminar each semester. Donald L. Cooper, director of the Oklahoma State University student health center, will speak at 3 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Billingsly Student Center.

In addition to Southern athletes, cheerleaders and the Campus Activities Board's executive officers also will be tested.

"The cheerleaders are required along with the athletes," said Val Williams, student activities director. "Even though they are required, I am not even slightly worried about it. The executive board is strictly on a voluntary basis. I would not have volunteered the CAB board if I did not trust them."

Both Williams and Frazier expressed little concern about a drug problem at Southern.

"It depends on how many people they test," Williams said. "If they test all the

teams and several other organizations volunteer, because of the size of the test group there are bound to be one or two positive results. I don't think there will be a severe outbreak."

Frazier agrees with Williams that Southern does not have a drug problem.

"What we have we think is a complete program," said Frazier, "and I think it's a good one. We are a drug-testing institution."

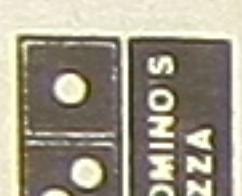
Frazier pointed out other areas of substance abuse training in addition to the Southern testing program. He mentioned Freshmen Orientation and personal health courses.

"It's just a small part," Frazier said. "It's a beginning. We are interested in the total student-athlete."

Core committee members are Larry Goode, assistant professor of business; Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology; Kevin Lampe, trainer; Jack Spurlin, assistant professor of law enforcement; Annetta St. Clair, assistant professor of political science; Delores Honey, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs; Myrna Dolence, coordinator of the Learning Center; and Jim Layman, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Joplin.

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Matthews Hall nearing completion

Reynolds Hall, dormitory construction projects now underway

Construction on two campus projects is being completed while two other projects are just getting underway.

"We are just winding down the construction on Matthews Hall," said Howard Dugan, director of the physical plant. "We are supposed to have a final inspection this week. The addition will add 43,000 square feet to the building."

While the final touches are being made to Matthews Hall, Taylor Hall's final inspection took place Tuesday. Dugan said the Taylor Hall addition will provide another 11,000 square feet to the existing building.

"The final inspection took place yesterday (Tuesday), and they will start moving in today (Wednesday)," said Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs. "They should be in the child-care center

next week."

"They are planning to add some playground equipment for the day-care center," Dugan said. "In Matthews Hall, it will be March before we get all the chairs into the auditorium. It's going to be a really pretty room."

Dugan said the College has a 10 percent retention on all jobs, meaning not paying the final part of the costs until after the final inspections are made.

With the end of the Matthews Hall and Taylor Hall construction comes the beginning of two other projects.

Two new dormitories will be added, providing space for 40 students. The number of parking spaces will also be increased, with workers adding to the existing pavement near the dormitories. An extension will be made to Reynolds Hall that will cost \$2.4 million. Dugan said

\$500,000 of the cost will come from local funds. The addition to Reynolds Hall will provide another 26,000 square feet.

The additional dormitories will be called F and G," said Dugan. "They broke ground, the floors have been poured, and they've started to lay the bricks. They're tentatively scheduled moving into the new apartments in the fall semester.

"The Reynolds addition will take about a year to complete," Dugan said. "They will be remodeling some of the older areas."

Overall costs for the additions made to Matthews and Taylor Halls, Reynolds Hall, and the two new dormitories nears \$7 million.

"Most of these buildings were built with local money," Dugan said. "It is a four-year state college, but it is not fully state funded."



Standstill

Recent snowfalls in the Joplin area slowed construction on Reynolds Hall. The remodeling of the building is scheduled to take 14 months, with the target date for completion being February 1988. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

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College mourns former employees

Lillian Spangler

Lillian Spangler, 84, the first foreign language teacher at Joplin Junior College, died at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Oak Hill Hospital where she had been a patient since Jan. 5.

Spangler was born May 28, 1902, at Fulton. A graduate of Fulton High School, she received her bachelor's and master's degrees in languages from colleges overseas and in Monroe, La.

She began teaching in 1926 at the high school level. In 1938 she joined the JJC faculty.

Gwen Hunt, director of public information at Missouri Southern, said that she took intermediate Spanish from her.

"She was a very charming, soft-spoken, and very gentle person," Hunt said.

Grace Mitchell, emeritus professor of English, said Spangler taught Spanish, French, and German at the College.

"She was indeed a lady, a very fine one

at that," Mitchell said.

Spangler was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Missouri State Teachers Association, and the Joplin Garden Club. She left Southern in 1968, then taught in the Joplin School District for about 10 years.

On May 24, 1941, she married Dr. Clyde B. Spangler at West Plains. He died May 9, 1963.

"She was a very calm, pleasant, and cooperative lady to work with," said Cleetis Headlee, emeritus professor of English, who worked with Spangler at the College.

Services for Spangler will be at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at First Presbyterian Church in Joplin. Dr. James E. Layman and the Rev. Rick Ott will officiate. Burial will be in Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery.

Beecher 'B.J.' Barnes

Graveside services for Beecher "B.J." Barnes, a former Missouri Southern employee, will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at Burkhardt Cemetery in Racine.

Barnes, 74, died Monday after a long battle with cancer. He was mechanical maintenance supervisor at the College from 1970-77.

"He was one of the finer people I've known to work with," said Howard Dugan, director of the physical plant. "He just did an outstanding job. He was instrumental in trouble shooting mechanical problems on campus."

Dugan, who started working at the College in 1969, will serve as a pallbearer.

"B.J. leaves a legacy of kindness and warm understanding, which all who knew him will remember," said Dugan.

Barnes is survived by his wife, Louise, and two sons and a daughter.

Senate has vacancies

Freshman, sophomore, senior positions open

With some discussion, the Student Senate accepted the finance committee's proposal to give the Student Association of Dental Hygiene Assistants \$1,000 to be used for a District 8 dental hygiene meeting and convention in last night's meeting.

SADHA had originally asked for \$1,500 to help cover the \$2,642 for the total trip. The finance committee proposed to give only \$1,000 since this is the maximum amount the Student Senate is allowed to allocate without suspending the rules.

There was some concern that the dental hygiene students would not be able to attend many of the seminars available without the additional \$500 because some of the seminars of particular interest to the students would cost an additional \$20 to attend.

"We could still attend the convention, look through the table displays, and meet people and share ideas (without the additional \$500)," said one representative of

the dental hygienists. "The question is whether to make this a good trip or a great one."

In new business the Social Science Club requested \$555 to cover half the cost of six members participating in the Midwest Model United Nations.

The club's resolution states that the experience will enhance the reputation of Missouri Southern since it attracts delegates from 60 regional colleges and universities, as well as contribute to the multi-cultural component of the students' college experience.

In last night's meeting Rebecca Williams was elected and sworn in as a new freshman senator.

Lance Adams, president, said there are several openings on Student Senate, including one freshman, two sophomore, and two senior vacancies.

Adams said any student wishing to join the Student Senate should attend next Wednesday's meeting.

Mouser will be registrar

Director of counseling replaces 20-year veteran

Possessing organizational skills and a familiarity with College policies, Dr. Eugene Mouser will take over as registrar at Missouri Southern.

Mouser, currently the director of counseling, will assume the position July 1. He will replace George Volmert, who announced his retirement from the College last fall. Volmert has been at Southern 20 years.

"I was asked to fill the position," said Mouser. "My degree is in student personnel work, and I have worked closely with the registrar over the past 17 years."

According to Mouser, he has taken several computer classes here, and is familiar with computer usage. His duties in the counseling center have acquainted him with various parts of the campus.

"Mr. Volmert will be a hard man to replace," said Mouser. "He has done a good job and is consistent in his work."

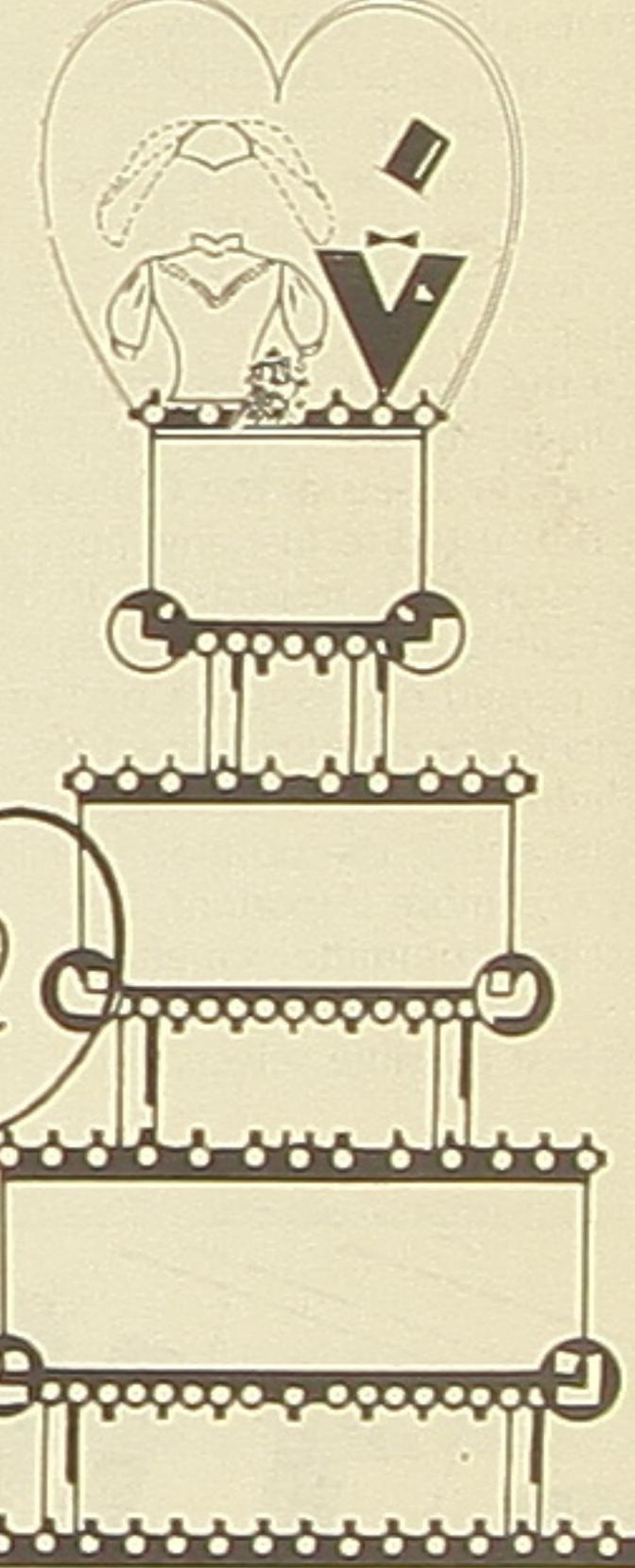
Mouser will work with Volmert through the spring semester preparing himself for the position.

"I won't make any changes until I start," he said.



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Snow slows road travel

As expected, winter weather often produces snow and ice that brings travel to a halt, or at least to a slow crawl. However, such bad weather conditions never seem to slow activity at Missouri Southern.

Recent weather conditions prompted the Missouri State Highway Patrol to issue travel warnings while area school systems dismissed classes because of a safety commitment to running the bus systems. Known for not canceling classes, Southern once again subjected students to risk by holding classes.

The administration should at least keep in mind that the majority of students who attend this college and whose funds support this college are commuter students. If a slide across town for area students and faculty wasn't enough, consider the larger radius from which out-of-town students commute to Joplin. Some major roads and highways are usually passable, but what about side streets and rural roads?

Faculty members shouldn't hesitate to think why their classrooms are half empty following a winter weather change and realize the risk of driving across town was far less than those traveling from afar. A student should not be penalized for an absence, late homework, or missing new material covered because of being unable to attend class due to travel conditions.

Southern is committed to students getting the education they pay for and supplying employment security to faculty, staff, and administration; however, education or job security cannot be replaced by a tragic accident due to travel in inclement weather.

College seeks director again?

When Wayne Johnston's resignation becomes official tomorrow, the College will once again be looking for a director of safety and security.

The new director will be the fifth one Missouri Southern has seen in the last seven years. Why is this such a high-turnover position?

A position of this type is an important one to the College. For one thing, there are millions of dollars in assets at the College. These cannot be trusted to just anyone.

Also, this department is responsible to the student body. Giving out parking tickets and unlocking parked cars is just a part of it. Security officers are here to protect the students and help with any problems.

As the College grows, the position will become more and more important. It is imperative that the committee carefully evaluate and scrutinize every application and make the best possible selection for the College.

The Chart



Editor's Column:

Long journey is coming to an end

By Pat Halverson
Editor-in-chief

This is it—the final semester of a long and arduous journey for many seniors at MSSC. Including me.

The reality of the situation is finally hitting home. In less than four months, the 1987 senior class will be graduating. We are going to be turned out into the cold, cruel world.

You know everything is changing when you go to the Lions' Den to have a cup of coffee with your friends, and there are almost no familiar faces.



People you have known for years are gone! You know that you have been here for a long time when people call you by name and know who you are, but you would swear you had never seen them before in your life. It's embarrassing not to know who you are talking to.

Going to school becomes a way of life. During the years most people are in college, it is perfectly normal and necessary to separate ourselves from family and friends to some extent. Our world is centered around school, and we become part of a separate society.

People outside of our little world don't always understand what is so funny about our jokes. They don't understand why we can't go to the movies when there is a big test the next day. And you can tell from the bored look on their faces that they are really sick of listening to you talk about school.

Apprehension about the future is setting in. We

have built a nice little cocoon that insulates us from the rest of the world. It is safe here. We know where we are going to be every day. We know, more or less, what is expected of us. We have been surrounded by hundreds of other people with the same problems and concerns as ours—grades, tests, juggling part-time jobs or families and school.

For those of us who are not going on to graduate school, a job will be a necessity. And although graduation will be here before we know what happened, most of us haven't even started looking yet. The closest some of us have come to looking for a permanent job is trying to prepare a resume.

It is really scary to know that after May, our four-year crutch is going to be taken away. We will

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In Perspective:

College education not a bingo game

By Gwen Murdock
Assistant Professor of Psychology

The object of a bingo game is to fill in as many squares as quickly as you can and win a prize. Many students seem to think that college works the same way. They look for the simplest way to fulfill graduation requirements and "win" a job at the end of the four year "game." If you complete your college "education" this way, you risk being one of the great majority who leave bingo games empty-handed. The real prize isn't picked up at graduation, but during a lifetime of productive work. To avoid a decrepit body, you have to remain physically active—"no pain, no gain." In the same way, to avoid a decrepit mind, remain intellectually active.



Studies show that students with broad humanities backgrounds, not those with only technical training, are increasingly sought by business recruiters. A technical education prepares workers for their first job, but business has found that higher-level positions demand more integrative and imaginative skills. If you want to go

beyond your first job, you must put more into your education than fulfilling minimum graduation requirements. Potential employers and graduate school admission boards look for the exceptional student. The way to stand out from the crowd is to discover new abilities to develop.

Think about the crew of the starship Enterprise in Star Trek. Captain Kirk and his crew don't only have superb technical training, they have broad backgrounds in the humanities. Every episode and movie shows how practical such a background is. For example, in the current movie, Star Trek IV, the world is saved by knowledge of animal behavior—a course I am teaching this semester! To face the challenges of the future, you must be prepared in many different ways. More than ever, we are now trying to solve problems we've never imagined. Who would have predicted the AIDS epidemic 15 years ago?

In a word, the difference between a trade school education and a college education is breadth. A college education can prepare you for a lifetime of intellectual stimulation as well as a good first job. In fact, the first will increase the chances of the second.

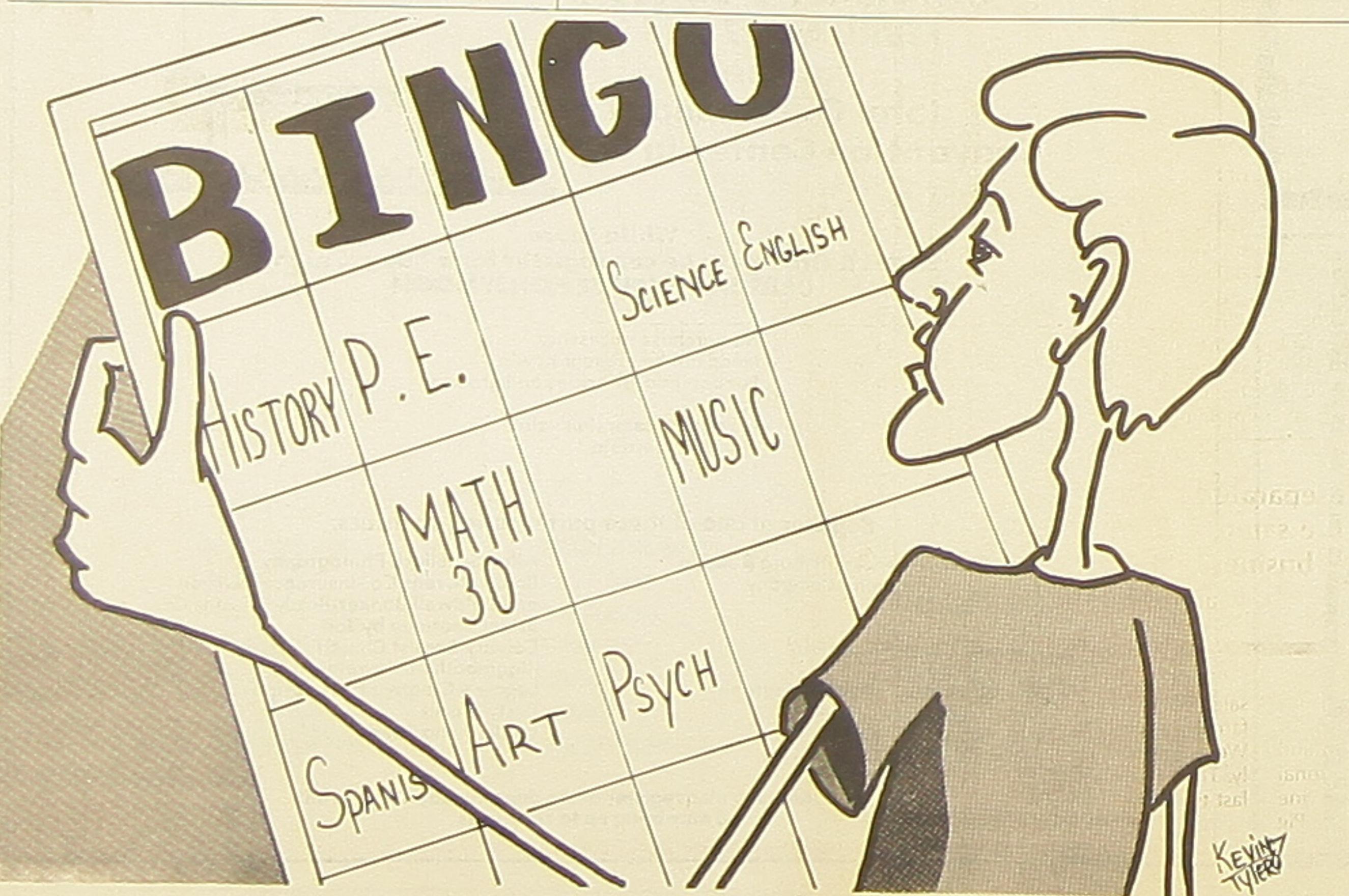
Missouri Southern's general education requirements are fairly broad. And yet, every general education class can be taken by someone straight out of high school. Because these courses aren't designed to cover the subject in depth, it is up to the student to take a variety of courses (not

just those for your major) at the upper division level. Almost as importantly, your years at MSSC will be more fun if you select courses that interest you—not just those that are easy or required.

A productive career must be built on intellectual challenges that you select—unless you plan to be stuck in your first job. We all know people who are pleasant to be around, but are rather dull because they are just filling a slot. Compare them with others who are involved with the world and making their mark.

Fortunately, your openness to the challenges of life doesn't depend on intelligence or previous GPA, but on imagination and a willingness to extend yourself. What matters isn't so much what you bring with you to MSSC, but what you make of it while you're here. Look for courses that stretch your abilities. If you worry that a tough class might lower your GPA, consider just auditing it. If you develop a general attitude of readiness to explore, you are more likely to enjoy yourself, get good grades, and be welcomed by the graduate schools or employers you want to impress.

Students who aren't content with the "bingo game" approach to education will win one prize after four years—higher scores on graduate admissions exams or a good first job. Beyond that, these students will also win the jackpot, by getting what they want out of a life that will become richer and richer.



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(Top photo) Gary Comstock, hog farmer, checks the feed level for several pigs. Comstock bought his farm in Bronaugh in 1972. Although hogs are his main enterprise, he also has 70 beef cows and sells a little grain. Comstock believes farmers will be more successful if they are diversified in their operations and allow for change in demand for products. (Below left) Comstock uses a confinement system for his operation and keeps careful records on each producing sow and boar to determine which pigs are more productive. This system has allowed him to produce far above the national average for the amount of pigs that each sow bears in one year. Comstock attends various trade shows and conventions each year to keep up-to-date on new developments made in the hog industry. (Below right) Rod Turnbull of the Board of Trade in Kansas City started the American Royal Farm Family Merit Award about 10 years ago. The award is given to those families who have made an outstanding contribution to the food and fiber industry.



Firm recognizes outstanding farmers

During a period when Missouri farmers are facing one of the toughest economic crises in many years, Farm Management Associates, a Kansas City firm, is taking time out to recognize those farm families who have been able to operate a successful farm.

"Our aim is to honor farm families who make an outstanding contribution to the food and fiber industry," said Morgan Olander, chairman of the American Royal Farm Family Program.

For about 10 years the organization has awarded the American Royal Farm Family Merit Award to a Missouri family meeting several criteria, including a family that is active in its community, active in 4-H organizations, employs good farming techniques, and is able to make a good living farming.

The University of Missouri selects three candidates to receive the annual award from its farm record program. The selections are then forwarded to Farm Management Associates.

A committee consisting of Olander, the general manager of the American Royal Farm Family Program, and the Agriculture Business Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce make their selections from a resume submitted by each farm family

which gives a brief background of their farm, organizations they are active in, and any planned future expansion.

Gary Comstock and his family from Bronaugh, Mo., are the latest winners of the Merit Award.

"We felt of the three candidates he represented a typical, outstanding farmer," said Olander. "He has good management skills and is a good business operator. And all members of the family were active in their community."

"Each one of us is a separate business. Many think that all farmers are the same, but it's not that way. We each manage our business differently."

—Gary Comstock, hog farmer

Comstock is involved with several local and state farming organizations. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Vernon County Pork Producers, and is a member of the Missouri and National Pork Producers and the Missouri Swine Seminar Group. He is the state Feeder Pig Chairman.

Besides the everyday work with their

240-acre farm, the other three members of the Comstock family also are involved with farming groups. Mary Comstock, Gary's wife, is the secretary/treasurer of the Vernon County Pork Producers, while their son and daughter are involved in 4-H groups at school.

Comstock believes this award helps more people to realize that each farmer is a businessman as well, and each will run their business in their own individual manner.

"Each one of us is a separate business," said Comstock. "Many think that all farmers are the same, but it's not that way. We each manage our business differently. This has just come to the front in the last two or three years."

'Open-minded' Bronaugh farmer wins American Royal Merit Award

Gary Comstock uses good management for successful hog operation

People told Gary Comstock he was crazy in 1972 when he bought his 240-acre farm near Bronaugh, Mo. But now Comstock is proving them wrong with his successful farm and the awards he has won. The latest of these is the American Royal Farm Family Merit Award, which he received in November.

"When I moved out here, it was considered one of the poorest farms in the area," said Comstock. "We had to cut out 40 trees before we could do anything. The old timers thought I was crazy, and I can't say Mom and Dad gave me their blessing then either."

Comstock and his wife, Mary, spent the first three years mostly clearing their farm to get rid of old buildings, fences, and old wire. Taking things one step at a time, as he says, he worked to establish a profit-making farm with hogs as his main enterprise.

Winning the Farm Family Merit Award is an honor of which Comstock is particularly proud to display.

"I was surprised and very flattered," he said. "Not many times are you recognized like this by your peers."

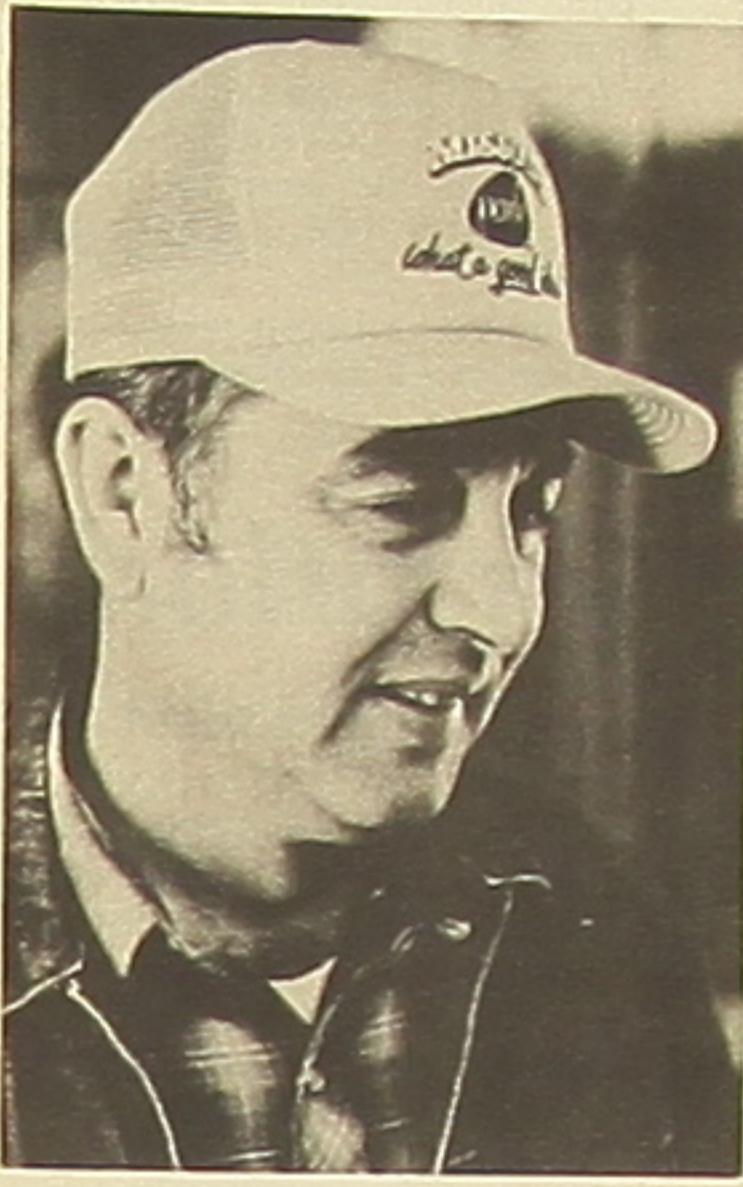
The main goal of the award is to draw attention to and to recognize successful farm families in the greater Kansas City area. The award is given out by Farm Management Associates, a firm in Kansas City.

Keeping up with technology is one of the main reasons Comstock has been able to operate a successful farm.

"There have been so many changes since 1976—especially in the hog part," he said. "So many people let technology pass them."

Comstock has become especially interested in genetics and how to "build"

a highly productive female pig. He regularly attends various meetings and trade shows of the National Pork Producer Council and the American Pork Congress to learn of new techniques and technologies which will increase his farm's productivity.



"It is important to me to attend these things to see new technologies and to renew old acquaintances," he said. "In one year procedures really change. You can't use it all, you may only use one part to benefit your operation."

"In 1977 I started looking into total confinement and early weaning to build a mature female sow that is highly productive," he said.

Now, Comstock uses a confinement system, which requires keeping careful records on each boar and producing sow to determine which pigs are most productive. Since beginning this system, his farm has produced considerably larger litters than the national average.

In 1985 the national average among hog farmers was 7.4 pigs per litter, with each sow having an average of 1.7 litters per year. Comstock's sows produced an average 9.21 pigs per litter, with an average of 2.38 litters per year from each sow.

"That's where the profits are made," he said.

Comstock says his two children, Jason, 12, and Janeil, 8, are still too young to decide if they will also go into farming. He hopes they will attend college, and if they decide to farm he will help in whatever way he can.

Comstock does have some advice he would give to any young person beginning to farm.

"One, you have to be open-minded," he said. "And you have to be positive, and you have to be super aggressive."

Comstock would also advise young people to be careful about borrowing money beyond one's means.

"Why put yourself on a teeter-totter, why not stay on the safe side?" he asked.

During the 1970s when the farming economy was good it was tempting to borrow much money to expand his operation, admitted Comstock. But he instead would only take things one step at a time.

"We wanted to establish our own line of credit," said Comstock. "We had to show lenders that we had a capacity to do that. We never put ourselves out on a limb. And that is good management."



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Dentists will hold clinic Screening can identify oral cancer, high risk

Local dentists will participate in a free dental screening at Missouri Southern Saturday.

The screening, sponsored by the Jasper County Unit of the American Cancer Society and Missouri Southern, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the technology building.

"The purpose of the dental screening is to identify oral cancer high risk patients, examine oral tissues for atypical color and contour, and alert patients to potentially malignant conditions," said Dr. Doug Parker, member of the professional education committee of the ACS.

Seven dentists are scheduled to participate, including Parker, Dr. J.W. McAllister, Dr. Kevin Caldwell, Dr. Frank Schaffer, Dr. Sandra Seorse, Dr. Richard Falkenstein, and Dr. Dan Haney. Missouri Southern dental hygiene students and ASC public education volunteers will be assisting.

Interest is main priority

College Players welcome members from all majors

Being established when the College was formed as Joplin Junior College, the campus theatre group College Players has wavered from thriving to surviving in its nearly 50-year history.

"For this organization," said Karen Hill, president of the club, "you don't have to belong to any major; you just have to have an interest in theatre. It (the club) is growing, and a lot of people who aren't theatre majors are members."

The group is solely oriented toward theatre. Its members are encouraged to work backstage for productions of Southern's theatre department.

The organization's activities also include attending the Renaissance Festival in Kansas City and performances of the Springfield Little Theatre. Members have expressed a desire to travel to Kansas City for a dinner theatre this spring. A

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An information booth which is to be set up in the Lions' Den is planned to have information packets on abortion. Two different anti-abortion videos, *The Silent Scream* and *Abortion Doubletalk*, are also planned to be shown.

The Silent Scream shows an abortion taking place through use of a sonogram, or picture produced by sound. The second video exposes the arguments pro-

Two major suspected carcinogens for all oral cancers are tobacco and alcohol. Parker said that risk factors include cigarette, cigar, and pipe smoking, as well as the use of smokeless tobacco.

"Oral cancer strikes approximately 27,000 persons in the U.S. each year and causes 9,150 deaths," Parker said. "It is estimated that 29,500 new cases of oral cancer will be detected in 1987 and incidence is more than twice as high as males as in females."

Oral cancer accounts for about 4 percent of all cancers that occur annually in the nation. There is a high potential for metastasis and a relatively low five-year survival rate for some forms of oral cancer, which makes early diagnosis imperative.

For more information, persons may call the American Cancer Society office at 624-6808.



Gene Cotton

Gift started music career

Cotton changed plans to teach political science

Originally planning to teach high school political science, Gene Cotton ended up diving into a career in professional music in 1974 after his college graduation.

Cotton, born in Columbus, Ohio, said his interest in playing music started in his junior year of high school when he received a guitar for Christmas. The guitar is his main instrument, while he accompanies his voice with some piano playing as well.

"I'm not a folk singer," said Cotton. "I just like good music."

Cotton first played at Missouri Southern in 1978. He said the last performance, Jan. 21, marked either the eighth, ninth, or 10th time he had played here. He said he could not remember exactly which.

Tony Wilson, president of the Campus Activities Board, said Cotton has performed at Southern at least twice a year for the past three years.

In three previous visits to Joplin, Cotton performed with Juice Newton, Ricky

Nelson, and Ronnie Milsap.

Cotton has recorded 13 albums throughout his career and said he is now working on another one. He tours with a band of five members and records his music at a studio in Nashville.

His favorite songs to sing include *Like a Sunday in Salem* and *Him for Resurrection*.

Cotton, who mostly drives to his performances, flying occasionally, said he has made appearances in 15-20 locations around the state, mostly at colleges.

"There are a lot of schools which keep asking me back and back," said Cotton.

He currently lives with his wife and three teenage children in a town outside of Nashville.

Art League plans trips

Spring break trips to Dallas and Chicago, as well as shorter weekend trips, keep Missouri Southern's Art League busy all year.

The group travels to museums in Tulsa, Kansas City, and Springfield, holds its own local art shows, and publishes an annual campus magazine.

Ed Wong-Ligda, faculty adviser for the Art League, said it is essentially an informal group with around 30 members. "It is a student organization for people interested in art, regardless of whether or not they are an art major," he said.

For a \$3 membership fee students can join the League and participate in all the activities that come with it.

The highlight of the year comes over spring vacation, when members travel to various cultural centers around the U.S. Last year the group went to the Dallas/Fort Worth area. This year, in a joint effort with the Pittsburg State University Art League, it plans to visit Chicago.

Although the members pay for the trip out of their own pockets, it is not tremendously expensive.

"The League stays four to a room in a cheap hotel, and students can make the trip with less than \$90," Wong-Ligda said.

Even less expensive are the weekend field trips to Kansas City and other cities.

The League also is heavily involved in local events. It has an art show highlighting the works of members every semester, publishes *The Winged Lion*, a yearly magazine exhibiting the work of the Missouri Southern art and English departments, and sponsors a student art competition at the end of each year.

This semester's art show, "Southern Showcase," will open Saturday at Art Works in Joplin. Six members will be showing a variety of paintings, drawings, and sculptures. They are Ovie Pritchett, Dianna Petersen, Jeff Loehr, Brad McClintock, Tod Massa, and Erik Davis.

"It's a good promotional event, and we get exposed to judging, competition, and shows in general," said Petersen.

The League recently elected new officers. They are Mark Cole, president; Tod Massa, vice president; Erik Davis, treasurer; and Julie Smith, secretary.

For anyone interested in finding out more about the Art League, meetings are held every Thursday in Room 305 of the art building. There is also a monthly potluck dinner, the first of which will be held Feb. 12.

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Monday	Midwest Conference Honors Band 7:30 p.m. Taylor Performing Arts Center		Honors Colloquium 2 p.m. BSC 311	
Tuesday	Campus Crusade for Christ 11 a.m. BSC 306		Movie 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Barn Theatre	Back to the Future
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International competition to be held at Southern

A new International Piano Festival and Competition will be held from May 17-21 at Missouri Southern.

Information about the festival has been sent to over 5,000 music schools and piano teachers throughout the United States and abroad.

The competition is in two divisions. A senior division is open to pianists between the ages of 19 and 30, with approximately \$6,000 in prize money. A junior division is for students 15 to 18 years old, with nearly \$3,000 in prizes. In addition to the cash prizes, a number of scholarships will be awarded.

The festival will feature recitals, masterclasses, and lecture/demonstrations by guest artists. All events, including the competition rounds, will be open to the public. A schedule of these events and ticket information will be available at a later date.

"Consistent with our mission as an institution of higher education, Missouri Southern seeks to assert its place as the cultural and intellectual center of the

region," said College President Julio Leon. "This festival and competition will be one of the ways the College fulfills its commitment to dedicated public service in the area."

Guest judges and recitalists in the week long event include Clive Swansbourne, an English pianist who is a member of the music department; Mack McCray, professor of piano at the San Francisco Conservatory; Joanne Baker, head of the piano division at the Kansas City Conservatory of Music and head jury member of the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition; Angela Cheng, of Bloomington, Ind., a Canadian-born pianist who has recently won some of the world's leading piano competitions; and Ramzi Yassa, a French-Egyptian pianist who has won major competitions in Europe.

Application deadline for the competition is March 30. Applications are available from Lisa Sapinkoff, coordinator, Piano Competition and Festival, Missouri Southern State College, Joplin, Mo., 64801.

Art exhibition will open

Junior League of Kansas City sponsors competition

Artists may now register for the MID-FOUR Annual Juried Art Exhibition.

Competition is open to artists 20 years of age or older who reside in the four-state region of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa.

Sponsored by the sustaining members of the Junior League of Kansas City, Mo., Inc., the show will take place June 6-28 at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Constance W. Glenn, director of the University Art Museum at California State University-Long Beach, will be the judge.

New conditions of entry:

■ Each artist must submit a minimum of six separate entries—a maximum of six entries in 35 mm. color slide form (2" by 2").

■ All entries must be available for judging and exhibition.

■ Entries may be submitted in the following mediums: prints, paintings, drawings, and mixed media (no photographs or free-

standing sculptures). Entries must have been executed within the past two years and not under direct classroom instruction.

■ The fee is: \$20 for four entries, \$25 for five entries, or \$30 for six entries. Entry fee is not refundable.

■ No glass slides. Slides must be labeled according to registration form details.

■ Artwork must clear a 5X7 door opening and must be framed and wired for hanging.

■ Registration card, slides, and fee—all in the same envelope—must be received by Friday, Feb. 27, 1987. (P.O. Box 22569, Kansas City, Mo., 64113)

Registration forms may be obtained at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, the Kansas City Art Institute, area college art departments or by writing MID-FOUR, P.O. Box 22569, Kansas City, Mo., 64113 or by calling 816-363-1173; or 816-361-8092; or 816-361-5749; or 913-345-8112; or 913-362-5679.

Tryouts will begin Tuesday

Tryouts for Missouri Southern's spring musical are scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday of next week.

The musical, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, will be performed April 14-17.

For those interested, auditions will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, on stage in Taylor Auditorium.

Dance tryouts are scheduled for Tues-

day. Those trying out for a dancing part must wear dance skins or shorts.

Singing tryouts will be held Wednesday. When auditioning for a singing role, persons are to bring their own sheet music. A pianist will be available if needed.

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Acting

Jennifer Mountjoy and Todd Webber in a production of 'A Pack of Lies'. The performance won Mountjoy her nomination to attend the competition.

Local talents compete

Mountjoy, Cytron attend national competition

Performing in a play last semester, Jennifer Mountjoy did not expect what would happen to her.

Mountjoy, a junior theatre major from Carthage, had a key role when the theatre department performed *A Pack of Lies* Oct. 22-25. A panel of judges representing the Irene Ryan Scholarship Fund from the American College Theatre Festival attended the play at Missouri Southern's request. Different colleges and universities submit plays, and the board of judges chooses which plays to attend.

Irene Ryan, who played "Granny" on *The Beverly Hillbillies*, left her fortune when she died to the American College Theatre Festival, to be distributed to well-deserving students at schools all over America. The scholarship is worth \$2,500.

The scholarship competition was held at the University of Iowa in Iowa City,

Iowa, on Jan. 17-18. The rules stated that a contestant must prepare two audition pieces, bringing a partner along.

Mountjoy chose Melissa Cytron, a freshman also majoring in theatre, to accompany her to the competition.

The two competed against 129 other entries. They were the only entrants from an undergraduate college theatre program.

Mountjoy performed a scene from *Night, Mother*, an emotional play about a mother and her suicidal adult daughter. Her second audition piece was a scene from a Kurt Vonnegut play, *Happy Birthday Wanda June*.

Mountjoy made it to the semifinals before she was eliminated. To be selected to perform in this scholarship competition is an honor in itself.

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Acrobats to perform at Southern

Returning to Missouri Southern after a performance given last year are The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats and Magicians of Taipei.

The performance, sponsored by the CAB as part of Multi-Cultural Week, will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the Taylor Performing Arts Center.

The acrobatic troupe, made up of members of the Chang family, has performed in more than 30 countries in North America, Asia, South Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and Latin America.

Chinese variety shows have been popular for over 2,000 years. The acrobats preserve a long history of national character.

Writing of their performance in Kennedy Center, Alexandra Tomalonis of the Washington Post said, "The Golden Dragons present a well-paced sampler of a highly stylized art form that is, for lack of a better English word, a sort of Chinese circus...there is precision and beauty about everything these performers do...a group of extremely likable and charming players who hide the concentration and deadly seriousness of their trade behind the charm and beauty of their art."

Commenting on their performance at the Plaza Theatre in Dallas, Dan Hulbert wrote, "...Good, old-fashioned, razzle-dazzle, Barnum style circus...there's magic, comedy, gymnastics, traditional Chinese dance and color, color, color!"

Reserved seat tickets are \$6 for the general public and \$4 for students with MSSC I.D., senior citizens, and children under 12.

Tickets are available in the student activities office in the Billingsly Student Center and at Ernie Williamson's Music House in Joplin and Pittsburg.

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Philadelphia Orchestra, which was televised nationally, Kim has performed with the leading orchestras of the world, including the Berlin, Vienna, and London Philharmonics, Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam, and Chicago and Cleveland symphonies, and the New York and Los Angeles Philharmonics.

Kim performs on a recently acquired Stradivarius violin made in 1726 and known as the "Cessole." It is considered to be one of the three greatest remaining Stradivarius violins in the world.

The remaining concerts in Joplin Community Concert Association 1986-87 season are: The Dukes of Dixieland on March 19 and Peter Nero on April 28.

For additional information concerning the Joplin Community Concert Association, persons may call 417-624-3157.

Society will show German films

Two short German features from the silent era, *The Haunted Castle* and *Backstairs*, will be presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom.

Single admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students. This program is a bonus to season ticket holders.

Coming Attractions

Joplin	"Cowboys" Art Exhibit Jan. 11 thru Feb. 15 Spiva Art Center	Chinese Golden Acrobats and Magician Act of Tai Pei Feb. 10	'The Winslow Boy' 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 BSC Connor Ballroom	Ratt and Smokehouse Feb. 12 Memorial Hall
	EXHIBITS	Art in the Heartland Art Auction 7 p.m. Feb. 14	KODE Boat Show Feb. 17 Northpark Mall	Kansas and The Rainmakers Feb. 20 Memorial Hall Joplin
Kansas City	Alice Cooper Feb. 5 Kemper Arena Kansas City	Survivor Feb. 7 Memorial Hall Kansas City	Mid-American Train Show Feb. 14 Constitution Convention Center	Billy Joel Feb. 13 Kemper Arena Kansas City
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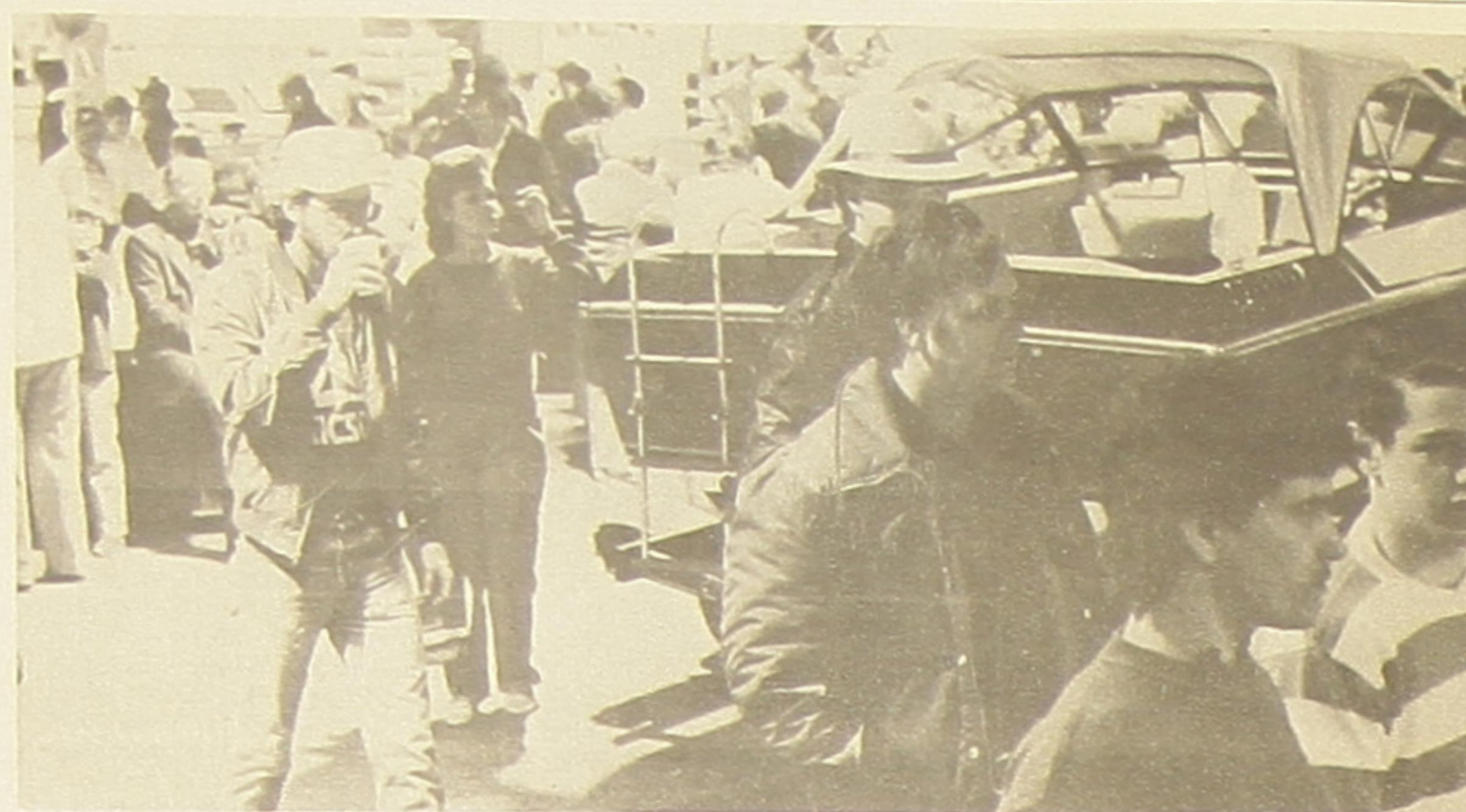
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New center

Kicking off the opening of the John Q. Hammons Trade Center, many people enjoy the January festivities of "What's New in '87?" (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Vickers to terminate local operations

Peruzzi says corporation plans to relocate worldwide headquarters

Calling it a "major reconstruction," Joe Peruzzi announced the closing of Joplin's Vickers, Inc. on Jan. 15. Peruzzi, public relations manager for Vickers, said the Joplin plant would not be the only part of the corporation experiencing changes.

"Joplin is not the only plant being closed," Peruzzi said. "We will also be closing plants in Manchester, Mich., England, and France."

In addition to the closing of three plants, the company will be moving its world headquarters from Troy, Mich., to a new location in the Detroit metropolitan area. Peruzzi said Vickers was unsure of its new site.

With the closing of the Joplin plant comes the loss of 300 jobs and an annual payroll of \$8.5 million.

"We tried to announce as soon as possible so employees could start looking for other opportunities," he said.

Peruzzi said the final shutdown of the Joplin plant will take place near the end of this year.

"During this year there will be various phase out stages," Peruzzi said. "There will be a transfer of production from Joplin to plants in Omaha, Columbia, and Scarcey, Ark."

Vickers is a leading worldwide manufacturer of electronics and hydraulic power.

Vickers' first plant was opened in Los Angeles in 1921. The company moved its headquarters to Troy in 1929. The Joplin plant, which opened in 1952, is the oldest operating Vickers facility in the world. During the 1970's the Joplin plant employed over 1,300 people. The number of employees has gradually decreased to its present total of 320.

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Michael J. Wightman

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Police chief wants 'enhancement'

Wightman finds Joplin history interesting, community friendly

By Rob Smith
City Editor

Hoping to "acquaint" himself with the community during the next few months, Michael J. Wightman began duties as Joplin's new police chief on Jan. 19.

"I will spend much of my time during the next few months trying to understand the organizational concepts of this system," Wightman said. "I hope to become more acquainted with my new position."

Wightman has already learned much about the community and the police force during his first few days of work.

"They (the members of the police department) are hard working and competent," Wightman said. "I think we owe a heavy responsibility to meet the needs of the community."

Wightman said he will spend a great number of hours visiting with his officers and listening to their suggestions and ideas.

Early in his first full week as chief, Wightman worked from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and then returned to the station later that night, working from 11 p.m. until 2 a.m. He plans to ride in the cars of several officers.

"I think the goal of any police force is

Dall planning events for new trade center

By Rob Smith
City News Editor

With the capacity to hold nearly 4,000 people, Holiday Inn opened the doors to the John Q. Hammons Trade Center on Jan. 11.

"We have been talking with some promoters," said Robert Dall, general manager of Holiday Inn and the Trade Center. "When we do get a concert in, it will be a popular, big name group."

Dall said that while Holiday Inn in Joplin is not accustomed to sponsoring concerts, it has big plans for the area and the type of groups to bring to Joplin.

"We have not done any concerts before, so it is going to be a learning process," Dall said.

While the Trade Center has not hosted a concert as of yet, Dall does plan on making every concert reserved seating and never general admission.

The Trade Center has the capacity to hold a banquet for 3,000-3,500 people. It will hold 188 8x10 trade booths or 165 10x10 booths.

"During our opening, we had various companies set up to display their different products," Dall said. "We just did a sports show that was kind of designed to give everyone a little bit of spring fever."

In addition to the sports show, the Trade Center has hosted a dinner party for Youth in Christ with about 600 people involved. The Trade Center opened Jan. 11 with a show called "What's New In '87." A new car dealer show will be held today through Sunday.

"We are looking to book some conventions," Dall said. "We have several large dinners tentatively planned for the building. We have tentative bookings from as far away as 1990."

"A new trade center like this, with a year's pre-sale time, will book 130 days of

show time. In addition to the 130 days, the shows will account for a total of 88 days of breakdown.

"It is an excellent first year," said Dall.

Dall said the Trade Center will support the Holiday Inn. The Holiday Inn should bring a lot of business to the Trade Center and the area of Rangeline Road adjacent to Interstate 44.

"I cannot hardly imagine them (the businesses on South Rangeline) not being excited about it," said Dall. "Anything we do will inadvertently help everyone."

The construction of the \$4.4 million structure originally began with a ground breaking on July 10, 1986. The Trade Center, which opened officially on Jan. 11, is still in the final stages of completion.

"I hope to have the construction totally complete by Feb. 15," said Dall.

Dall said projects such as the Trade Center in Joplin are completed swiftly due to the insistence of the owner, John Q. Hammons.

"Mr. Hammons puts a lot of pressure on you. You just get it done; there's no excuse," said Dall.

Although Dall has opened the Trade Center, he currently has no plans for any new employees. Dall is using the Holiday Inn's 170 employees at the Trade Center, with several of them receiving more hours.

Hammons, who owns and operates about 80 Holiday Inns across the United States, is opening just his third trade or convention center by opening the one in Joplin. There are already centers in Springfield and Billings, Mont., but Dall said more of the centers are on the way. There are centers under construction in Denver and Portland, Ore. All of the centers are adjacent to the Holiday Inns.

"We are planning on constructing six more (centers) over the next two years," Dall said.

to make the community a safer place to live," Wightman said. "You hope to participate in the enhancement of the area."

While Wightman has not spent a great amount of time in Missouri, he said he likes the state.

"We were through Missouri in 1982," he said. "We liked Missouri and the time we spent here. Joplin has a history that was really kind of exciting to me."

to Joplin.

"Number one was that the opportunity presented itself," Wightman said. "I was looking for an administrative position. I liked the friendly warm people; it was just a friendly community."

Still, Wightman gave much of the credit for his new position to Joplin City Manager Leonard Martin.

"Mr. Martin was the style of manager

"I will spend much of my time during the next few months trying to understand the organizational concepts of this system. I hope to become more acquainted with my new position."

—Michael J. Wightman, Joplin police chief

Wightman sees his position as being parallel to that of a company's president. "You set goals and objectives," Wightman said. "Basically just supervise your personnel and be sure that people are getting their tax dollars worth of service."

The new police chief has been involved in law enforcement for 18 years. Wightman, who was division commander for the Orem, Utah, police department, had several reasons for making the move

I was looking for," Wightman said. "He was really quite a salesman."

"Any city organization exists to service the needs of the community. That is basically what we try to do."

Wightman enjoys karate and has earned his brown belt. He is currently busy looking for a house for his wife and the couple's four daughters.

"I spend a lot of time with my family," he said. "I am family oriented."

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have to take the knowledge and skills we have accumulated and start doing something constructive with them. Earning a salary to pay the rent and make the car payment, for example.

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Spring Itinerary

Water Polo

Sign-up begins Feb. 16. Sign-up ends Feb. 26. Rules meeting is Feb. 27. Season begins March 2. Season ends March 12.

Racquetball

Sign-up begins Feb. 16. Sign-up ends Feb. 27. Season begins March 2. Season ends April 3.

Superstar Competition

Sign-up begins March 9. Sign-up ends March 26. Competition will be held from March 30 to April 2.

Softball

Sign-up begins March 16. Sign-up deadline is April 1. Rules meeting is April 2. Season begins April 6. Season ends May 1.

Golf

Sign-up begins April 6. Sign-up deadline is April 24. Tournament day will be set later.

Basketball Results

Nado (Dennis Austin 12) 46, True Blue Crew (Greg Westfall 9) 29.

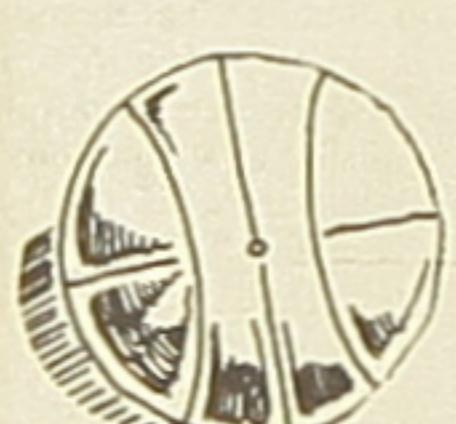
Sid's Kids (Tony Wilson 15) 65, Super Slow Suds Suckers (Vince Baumhoeffer 8) 32.

Slam Force (Addie Gaddis 13) 46, Sigma Nu (Wes Cooper 16) 40.

Renegade Nuns on Wheels (Brian Aubuchan 7) 39, D-Boys (Greg Kersgieter and Brent Beckley 8) 22.

Bricklayers John Hofer 16) 62, Phi Slamma Jamma (Pat Irwin 14) 33.

Airballs Unlimited (Scott Jones 20) 65, Dead Meat (Dennis Malles and Chip Whatley 14) 47.



Scoreboard

CSIC Standings: (Men's Basketball)

Washburn 4-1

Kearney State 4-1

Mo. Southern 3-2

Wayne State 3-3

Missouri Western 3-3

Fort Hays State 2-3

Emporia State 1-4

Pittsburg State 1-4

Dunkel Ratings for District 16

1. Mo. Southern 49.2

2. (tie) Drury 48.7

2. William Jewell 48.7

4. SW Baptist 43.8

5. Rockhurst 40.4

6. Mo. Western 37.6

7. Mo. Valley 35.2

8. S. of Ozarks 34.6

(CSIC Women)

Washburn 4-1

Missouri Western 4-2

Mo. Southern 3-2

Emporia State 3-2

Kearney State 2-3

Pittsburg State 2-3

Wayne State 2-4

Fort Hays State 1-4

Dunkel Ratings for District 16

1. UMKC 62.7

2. Mo. Western 53.5

3. Mo. Southern 48.7

4. William Jewell 44.5

5. Culver-Stockton 39.9

6. Rockhurst 39.1

7. SW Baptist 38.6

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Grantham's 25 lead Lions past Bobcats

Southern hosts Washburn, Emporia next

Winning their third game in just five days, the Lions defeated the School of the Ozarks in a game played Tuesday night at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

Combining for 47 total points, senior guard Reggie Grantham and senior forward Chris Tuggle provided much of the offensive show.

Grantham missed only one field goal attempt, shooting 10 for 11 from the floor. Tuggle, splitting his point total equally between the first and second halves, finished the game with 22 points on seven for 13 shooting.

The Bobcats, who spent much of the first half in a trapping halfcourt press, forced 12 first-half turnovers by the Lions. The pressing defense helped the Bobcats to hold Lions senior center Marvin Townsend to just three points and three rebounds.

After Bobcats center Jeff Hernon scored the first basket of the game, Bobcat fans threw toilet paper onto the floor. Southern fans then threw their rolls in rebuttal.

Seven minutes later, the Lions were assessed a technical foul when Southern fans again threw toilet paper on the floor.

"I felt like we had a great crowd," said Southern coach Chuck Williams. "We are going to have to watch the toilet paper getting out of hand as to result in a technical foul."

The Bobcats, who trailed only 35-25 at the half, watched Grantham run off nine consecutive points minutes into the second half. Southern emptied the bench in the second half, with the reserves playing much of the half.

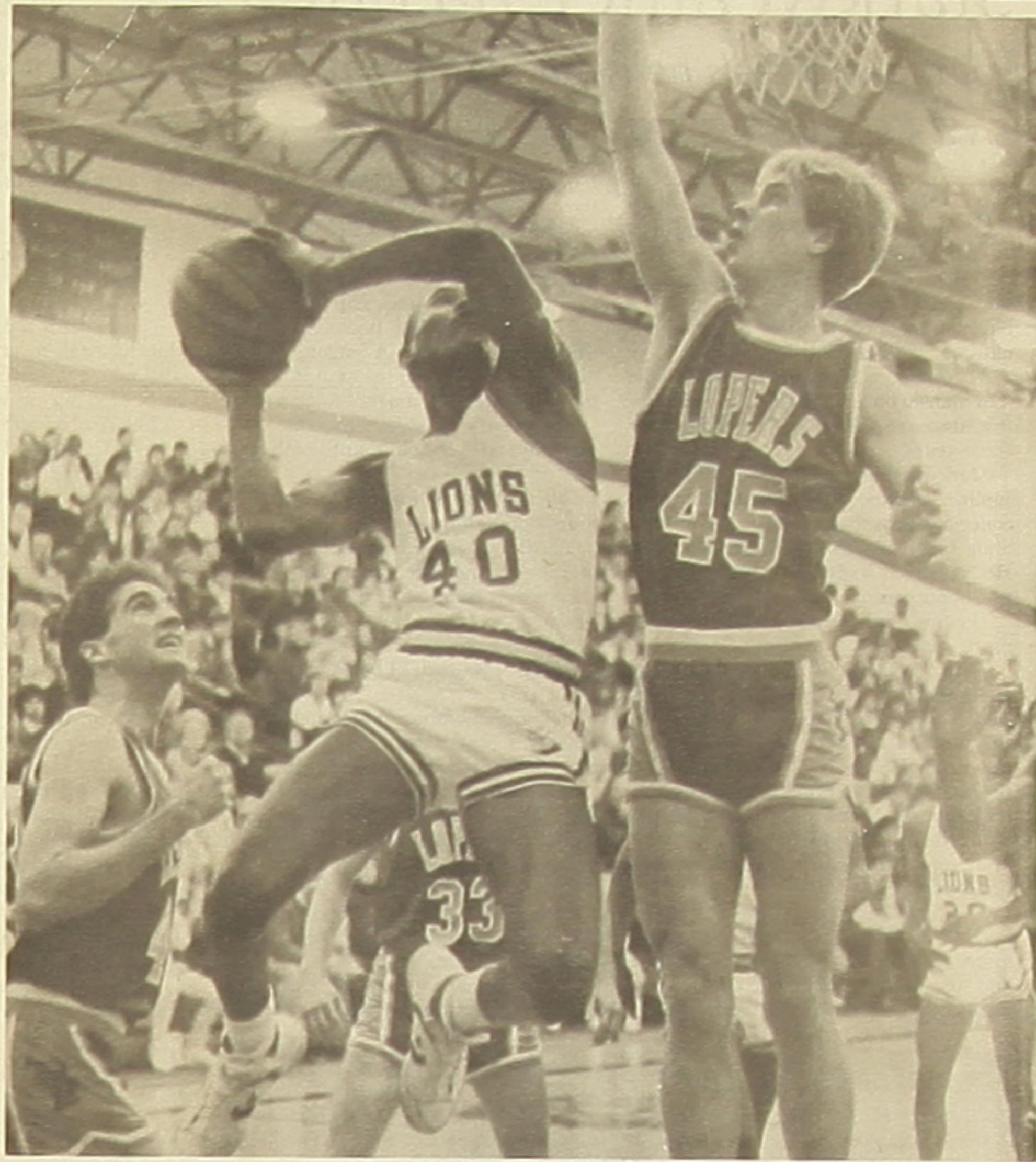
The Lions finished the game with a shooting percentage of 57 per cent, compared to the Bobcats' 50 per cent. Southern grabbed 13 more rebounds than the Bobcats, with junior forward Dwight McGlothlin collecting nine of the team's 36.

The Lions, 12-8, will open a weekend Central States Inter-collegiate Conference series tomorrow night by hosting Washburn University. Southern will play Emporia State University Saturday night. Both games will follow the Lady Lions' games.

"I think we have been playing good basketball since Christmas," said Williams. "We are going to have to continue to play well."

Williams believes Washburn and Emporia State will be two of the Lions' better opponents this season.

"This upcoming weekend we are going to have one of the top teams in the conference coming in in Washburn," said Williams. "For Emporia State, Marvin Chapman is a fine ballplayer. They had a good recruiting year. They are off to a slow start in the conference, but overall they are a good team."



Heavy traffic

Chris Tuggle scores two points in Southern's 100-97 victory over Kearney State Friday night in Young Gymnasium. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Lady Lions face CSIC-leading Washburn tomorrow

By Tony Wilson
Staff Writer

Lady Lions as both teams hold 3-2 loop marks. The Lady Blues of Washburn are 4-1 in the conference.

"Washburn presents some definite problems," said Southern Head Coach Jim Phillips. "They lost to (Missouri) Western last weekend in overtime for their first conference loss. There is no doubt they will play to win this weekend."

Western's 60-58 overtime upset of the Lady Blues snapped a school record 15-game winning streak.

Phillips noted several Washburn players who will have to be stopped in order for Southern to be successful.

"Latisha Yarnell has been an outstanding player this year," he said. "(Brenda) Shaffer is among the conference leaders in several

categories, including scoring (19.2 average). Together with Kelly Jennings, they should provide a strong inside punch."

Phillips feels the real challenge in Washburn will be finding a way to defend the Lady Blues.

"Offensively we should be all right," he said. "In the past few games we have been moving the ball better and creating open shots."

According to Phillips, Emporia will bring a strong starting line-up which includes the league's leading scorer—Carolyn Richards—who is averaging nearly 30 points per outing.

"We are concerned with Richards," he said. "She can score outside and inside. We must keep the pressure on her. Emporia is

playing well now."

Several Lady Lions provided the spark necessary to come away with two close wins last weekend. Southern rallied to down Kearney State 65-62 Friday, then held off Fort Hays State 66-56 Saturday.

Anita Rank led the Lady Lions both nights, scoring 49 points in the two games.

"Anita has come back strong," said Phillips. "We need the consistency out of her."

Phillips also praised the recent play of center Amy Oberdieck. Since the break, Oberdieck has provided needed help on the offensive boards and has played aggressive defense in key situations.

Two players, Gayle Klenke and LaDonna Wilson, were noted for

their play in critical situations by Phillips.

"Gayle has played well in critical situations. She has been getting the ball to the open player and has come up with big steals when we needed them," said Phillips.

"LaDonna is becoming the leader that we need her to be, and she has hit three winning shots for us this year."

According to Phillips, the team is adjusting well to its new freshman point guard, Barbie Richards.

"Richards has really played intelligent these past games," he said. "We have also had good play from Jennifer Burkin."

Softball team prepares for opener

Opening the season with a doubleheader, the softball Lady Lions have a long pursuit for their third consecutive trip to the NAIA Championships.

When they open their 1987 season against William Penn Col-

lege of Iowa on March 11 at the Lea Kungle Field, they will kick off a 23-game, five-tourney schedule.

Missouri Southern will then host Northwest Missouri State University for a March 19 doubleheader in preparation for its first tournament

action of the campaign. The Lady Lions will then travel to Pittsburg to take part in the Pittsburg State University Invitational Tournament March 20-21.

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Sidelines

Home court is advantageous

playing there. There are crowds so vocally supportive of their teams coaches are forced to resort to cue cards to call plays.

These crowds that make up the sixth man can be set off by a single spark, and have the magic ability to rally their team from far behind to far ahead in a matter of minutes. In some places, the sixth man simply will not allow their team to lose.

This advantage is a cherished treasure to the colleges and universities where it exists. With the advantage brings pride, excitement, and above all success.

Size makes no difference; this advantage is not a number but an attitude. It is at home equally at big schools as well as small.

The excitement that is so prominent at the major college ballgames has come to be known as the "big-time." This does not refer to the size of the school or the number of fans who attend the games, but to the attitude and atmosphere created by that excitement.

There are arenas and gymnasiums existing that give visiting coaches and players alike sick feelings when they think of

On the local level, Drury College and Fort Hays State have since developed a "big-time." These schools are proud of it, and this becomes evident the moment you enter the building. You do not have to look hard to see that it is also evident in the teams.

I have been to a lot of small college basketball games, all over the country. At no place is a piece of the "big-time" more ready to be born than at Missouri Southern.

Our teams are willing to provide the spark to get the idea rolling, but the intimidation...the home court advantage...the sixth man is up to you.

After all, the "big-time" is where you're at.

[Editor's Note: With the graduation of sports editor Shaun LePage, this column will be written by Tony Wilson, Rob Smith, and Mark Ernstmann. The name has been changed from "The way I see it" to "Sidelines" to protect the innocent.]

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By Tony Wilson
Staff Writer

It has been said that the sixth man has won more basketball games than all of the great coaches combined. I am not talking about some "super-sub" off the bench, but the greatest asset a team can have—its fans. There are arenas and gymnasiums existing that give visiting coaches and players alike sick feelings when they think of

A few small schools have captured a bit of that "big-time."

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Starkweather has unique attitude

Point guard feels he is 'an old man playing a young man's game'

By Tony Wilson
Staff Writer

At age 23, Jeff Starkweather has a unique attitude toward his college basketball career.

"I'm an old man playing a kids' game," said Starkweather while sitting on a bleacher in Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium after a team workout.

The surroundings were familiar to the "old man" who has played point guard for the Missouri Southern basketball team for three years.

Starkweather, a 1982 graduate of Joplin's Parkwood High School, began his collegiate basketball career at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. He transferred to Southern following his freshman season.

"I came here because I wanted to play more," he said.

Things went well from the beginning at Southern for Starkweather. In his first season with the Lions he earned a starting position and saw a great deal of playing time. However, new talent and a broken foot forced him to the sideline for his junior year. Though the situation was frustrating to Starkweather, he viewed it as an opportunity to learn and advance in his career goals.

"Getting yanked was tough at first," he said. "But I knew I wanted to be a coach someday, and I knew that as a player I had to recognize that some of the decisions coaches make are not always

popular with everyone. I knew I would have to make those kind of decisions when I became a coach, so I accepted it and went on...Then I broke my foot."

Starkweather says his foot has healed and is giving him no problems as he continues to participate in the "swell" sport that he has loved since childhood.

"I started playing basketball in the third grade in a YMCA league," he said. "I think every kid has the ambition of being a superstar in some professional sport."

Starkweather says he thinks that ambition stays with the child until reality sets in.

"Reality set in for me in about the fourth grade," he said.

The 6-foot-4 senior said that last summer he thought he might still have a chance to become a 6-11 dominating NBA forward.

"My feet grew a whole size this summer," he explained. "I went from a 10 1/2 to an 11 1/2."

Barring any more sudden increases in shoe sizes, Starkweather will continue to look into the coaching aspect of the sport.

"I would like to coach college...big college," he said. "For now I'm hoping to get a GA [graduate assistantship] at a major university."

Coach Chuck Williams has worked with Starkweather for three years and says he has been pleased with his all-around determination.

"In many ways Jeff exemplifies the student-athlete," said Williams. "He is a

fine student and has prepared academically for his future. At the same time he has given his all in basketball...that is all you can ask of any player."

Starkweather's stay at Southern has been beneficial in many ways. He said he enjoyed being home with family and friends.

"I live with my aunt and uncle, and they have taken very good care of me," he assured. "I did live with my brother but he booted me out when he got married."

The rivalry with long time district foe Drury College is a fond memory for Starkweather.

"There's nothing like beating Drury," he said.

Success on the court is only a small part of the life of Starkweather. He feels the push for scholastic achievement is essential.

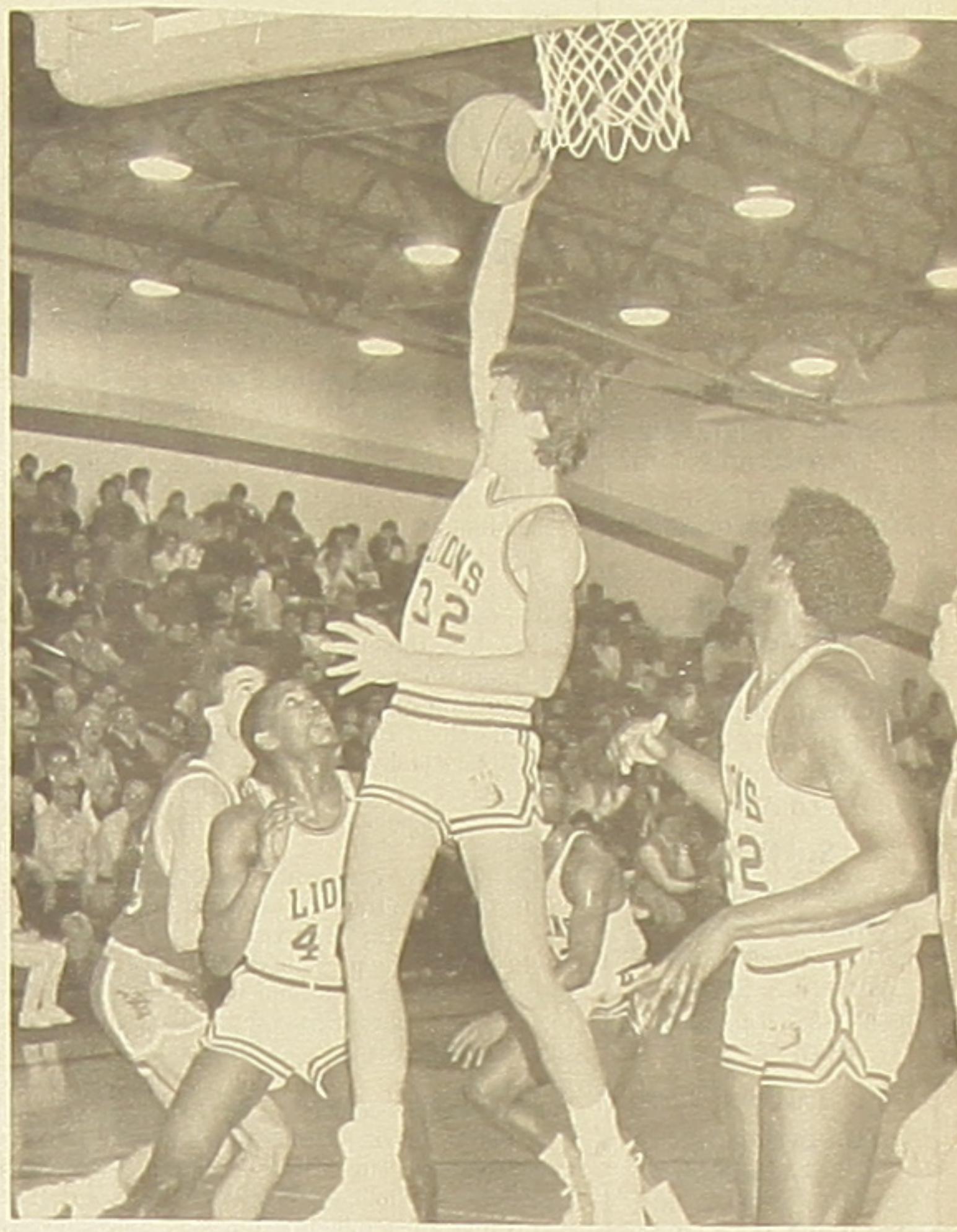
"Education is the most important thing," he said. "You can only play basketball four years; you still have a ton of years after that."

Starkweather says religion is a strong motivator in his life and attributes that to his parents.

"My parents brought me up in a strong religious background," he said. "They helped me become a strong Christian young man, and that has stayed with me."

Hard work has molded Starkweather into a successful player, student, and adult, but the "old man" says there is still one thing missing.

"I'm still waiting to meet that one fabulous babe."



Jeff Starkweather

Resa hopes to enter coaching profession

By Punky Rose
Staff Writer

Entering the coaching profession is a goal for Mike Resa, men's student basketball coach.

Resa, 21, was a student coach at Trenton (Mo.) Junior College for two years before transferring to Missouri Southern in the fall of 1985.

"I enjoy the game of basketball, and I enjoy working with other people," he said.

A native of northeastern Missouri, Resa attended North Shelby High School, where he was a letterman on the basketball, football, and golf teams.

After graduation, Resa served under Dale Kimberling, men's basketball coach at Trenton. While attending Trenton, Resa received his associate degree.

"What I like most about basketball is watching great plays, seeing how much a player has improved from the start to the end of the season, being around the guys when they win or play a pretty good game, and of course, winning the game is a big part of it," said Resa.

He said the most memorable moments of this season were beating Oklahoma State University and the two wins over Drury College.

Resa believes he has a good relationship with the players.

"They see me as a student, and we get along real well," he said.

Senior center Marvin Townsend said, "He gives me confidence to keep playing harder and if I make a mistake not to worry about it."

"Mike has been a vital part of our program for the past two years," he said. "It's quite obvious that he is sincere about entering the coaching profession. This is shown by his hard work and his eagerness to learn."

When referring to Southern, Resa said, "I like it because I am from a small school."

"What I like most about basketball is watching great plays, seeing how much a player has improved from the start to the end of the season...."

—Mike Resa, Southern student coach

"Without hesitation, Mike is one of the best student coaches that I have been fortunate to have in the last 10 years," said Chuck Williams, men's basketball coach.

According to Williams, Resa is in charge of many of the activities behind the scenes.

"He handles several of the daily jobs that come through our office," said Williams. "He also keeps check on the equipment and makes sure that it is ready for games and practices."

The people are real nice, and you get to know them a little better."

A senior physical education major, Resa plans to graduate in December. After graduation, he would like to attend graduate school and become a student coach there as well. If such a position is unavailable, Resa said he would look for a high school coaching position.

"Eventually," he said, "I would like to coach college basketball."

Mike Resa

Rank credits present success to home town; started playing basketball when in fifth grade

Lady Lion's center receives numerous honors, including NAIA national player of the week

By Kevin Keller
Staff Writer

Selection to the all-tournament team in the Lady Lions Classic came as quite a surprise to 6-foot center Anita Rank after scoring 33 points in an upset of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"We owed them for four years' losses in a row," said Rank. "After winning, I was halfway to the locker room when they called me back up for the announcements of the all-tournament team which I was unaware of. I was really surprised."

The surprises kept coming for Rank as she was then recognized as the national player of the week by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Rank was also named player of the week by the Central States Intercollegiate Conference and District 16.

She credits much of her present success to her home town, Lincoln, Mo.

"I started playing basketball in the fifth grade," said Rank. "All my friends were playing, their brothers played basketball. I was the tallest girl in my class."

That group of fifth graders began to work together as a team, and the class went on to go undefeated in its sixth, seventh, and ninth grade years. Upon entering Benton County High School, Rank became involved in volleyball, softball, and other activities. None of these came as easy as basketball.

A game Rank will never forget was in the Class 1A high school state quarterfinals her junior year. After coming in

with a 23-0 record, a large lead in the game turned into a two-point loss. Rebounding back her senior year with a successful season and a second-place finish in the state tournament, Rank was destined to go on and play college basketball.

"I was recruited by and checked out several schools, but I liked Southern best," she said. "I was used to a small town and school, and that's what I liked here. The academic opportunities were good."

"I was recruited by and checked out several schools, but I liked Southern best. I was used to a small town and school, and that's what I liked here. The academic opportunities were good."

—Anita Rank, Southern basketball player

Rank has been valuable on the court in her three years with the Lady Lions. She currently leads the team in total points (286) and rebounds (138). Rank is also highly rated in District 16 action, placing first in free throw percentage by shooting almost 87 per cent from the charity stripe. She is currently second in field goal percentage and fourth in scoring and rebounding.

Teammates along the way, a former high school coach, and family have been given credit for much of her success on the court. Learning to set goals and achieve them and taking criticism well are also

part of Rank's development through basketball.

"You learn to get along with other people. Sometimes the freshmen look up to the upperclassmen," said Rank. "It helps being friends with your teammates and being able to understand their ups and downs."

Rank would like to see the Lady Lions continue their winning ways throughout the remainder of their current season. A

goal she has set to accomplish is playing well enough with teammates to win the District 16 championship and advance to the NAIA national tournament. This goal has also been set for Rank's upcoming senior year along with some for the future.

"After graduating, I plan to get married and pursue job in management," said Rank, who is a marketing and management major.

"If I miss basketball that much and I'm not satisfied with what I'm doing, I can always come back to school for two years, get a degree in education, and go into coaching basketball."



Jump shot

Anita Rank, center for the Lady Lions, takes a jump shot against Pittsburg State University. A computer science major, Rank plans to pursue a career in management after graduation. (Chart Photo by JoAnn Hollis)